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A Montana State University scientist has been awarded a \$11,730 grant by the U. S. Public Health Service to continue research that may contribute to control of a major world health problem, MSU officials announced.

The grant for 1962 from the USPHS National Institutes of Health will support studies of the physiology of *Shigella sonnei*, an organism that causes dysentery. Dr. Mitsuru Nakamura, associate professor of microbiology and public health, directs the research, which was begun under previous USPHS grants. His continued study of the fundamental physiology of the organism is expected to lead to better understanding of methods of controlling and treating the type of dysentery that accounts for a high mortality rate among infants in many parts of the world.

Dr. Nakamura is aided in the project by research assistants Mrs. Carol M. Ramage and Miss Carla Clausen, graduate assistant Donald L. Overholser, and student assistants Linda Berg and Danny Lipp, both of Missoula; Judy Seerup, Bozeman, and Jane Farnum, Polson.

Dr. Nakamura and his collaborators presented scientific papers on their studies of *Shigella sonnei* at the Tenth Pacific Science Congress in Honolulu, Hawaii, in August and at the fifth annual meeting of the Northwest Section of the Society for Experimental Medicine and Biology at Richland, Wash., in November.

In December Dr. Nakamura will present papers at the Second Latin-American Congress on Microbiology at San Jose, Costa Rica. He will go from there to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to arrange for facilities to carry out some field studies on the *Shigella*.

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